Judge to make ruling despite Noy's amnesty

By Tina G. Santos and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PROMULGATION of the decision on the coup d'etat case against detained Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV and other rebel soldiers involved in the July 2003 Oakwood mutiny will proceed as scheduled on Oct. 20 despite President Aquino's amnesty proclamation.

This was disclosed yesterday by members of the staff of Judge Oscar Pimentel

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LAST MAN OUT The one who held the 33 miners together, Luis Urzua, raises his hand in triumph at the end of the flawless, 22-hr rescue operation.



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CJ CORONA

Private lives of miners tumble out as they turn global media stars

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile—One became a father during his captivity deep inside an Andean mine. Another is a grandfather four times over. A third returned to the surface with a book draft. A fourth was met by his mistress while his wife stayed home.

Before their mine collapsed, trapping them half a mile underground for 69 days, the miners were unknown workers toiling in the rock below a Chilean desert.

Now they are national heroes and global media stars, invited to presidential palaces, to all-expenses-paid vacations and to countless TV shows. Book and movie deals are pending.

The last man out was the one

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P-Noy slams high court



FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER President Aquino and Justice Secretary Leila de Lima loosen up at the start of Thursday's press briefing in Malacañang. Mr. Aquino addresses concerns over De Lima's IIRC report and assails the Supreme Court position in a "midnight" appointee case.

Warns SC ruling on 1 petition could lead to gov't chaos

By Norman Bordadora and Nikko Dizon

STUNG BY the Supreme Court order stopping his removal of a "midnight appointee" of his predecessor, President Aquino yesterday accused the tribunal of blocking his program of reform.

Mr. Aquino used strong words in assailing the high court for granting the petition of Bai Omera Dianalan-Lucman of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), which sought a stop to the implementation of his Executive Order No. 2 rescinding the last-minute appointments of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

"This order will embolden hundreds of similarly situated appointees of the past administration who had already been replaced, resigned or recalled, to demand that they be reinstated or retained. And having returned to their obtained posts, what can we expect from people who accepted illegal appointments?" he added.

Mr. Aquino said the status quo ante (SQA) order issued by the high court on Wednesday "would precipitate a clash with another separate, coequal branch of government."

"The potential result of this [order] will be chaos and paralysis in the executive branch of

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'Poverty rate due to GMA highway robbery'

By Michael Lim Ubac

AFTER slamming President Aquino's proposed P21-billion fund to be doled out in cash to the poorest of the poor, Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo finds herself under scrutiny for what appears to be P2.2-billion in pork barrel going to her district in Pampanga.

"Before she left office, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo used the presidency to engineer perpetually high funding for the second district of Pampanga," Akbayan party-list Rep. Walden Bello said in yesterday's press conference at the

GMA'S/A10

Biggest ever: ₱24-B tax case filed vs Shell

By Nikko Dizon

THE BUREAU of Customs yesterday filed with the Justice department a P24.5-billion complaint against the local unit of oil giant Royal Dutch Shell, accusing the company of evading import duties and taxes in what could be the country's biggest smuggling case.

"This criminal complaint should prove to everyone that President Aquino's campaign against smuggling, corruption and other economic crimes reports on sacred cows," Customs Commissioner Angelito Alvarez said at a press conference in the Justice department.

Edgardo Chua, the chair of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., said his company had "never, ever engaged in smuggling. That's against our business principles."

In its 18-page complaint

BIGGEST/A4



PCSO flaunts STL new look at Senate hearing

By Christian V. Esguerra

SMALL TOWN Lottery (STL) has a new look that the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) claims will negate "jueteng" and other illegal numbers rackets.

The new design offers three menus that give "better" chances of winning than the old STL format, PCSO general manager Ferdinand Rojas said yesterday.

But Fr. Eduardo "Among Ed" Panlilio, former Pampanga governor, said strengthening the STL would still not stamp out jueteng. He said the authorities should

PCSO/A4

CMMA: Inquirer wins best print coverage of Cory death, funeral

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer won two major awards—including one for best news coverage and a Hall of Fame trophy—as well as a special citation at the 32nd Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA) given by the Archdiocese of Manila.

The winners from various media organizations received their trophies and prizes in the annual ceremony on Wednesday night at the University of Santo Tomas auditorium. (*See full list of winners in the Entertainment Section on Sunday.*)

The INQUIRER, the country's most widely read broadsheet, won the best news coverage award for print for its stories last year on the death of former President Corazon Aquino on Aug. 1, 2009 and her funeral on Aug. 5.

The members of the Inquirer reportorial staff who were mentioned by the CMMA for their coverage of the "Cory Aquino Death and Funeral" were Beverly Natividad, Nikko Catherine Callejo, DJ Yap, Allison Lopez, Jeannette Andrade, Kristine Alave, Christine Avendaño,

CMMA/A20



HALL OF FAMER Inquirer columnist Neal Cruz is elevated to the CMMA Hall of Fame. He receives his plaque from Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales.

Truth body now open vs grafters

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE PHILIPPINE Truth Commission is now open to accept and investigate complaints of corruption despite a pending petition questioning the constitutionality of its creation at the Supreme Court.

Headed by retired Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., the five-member commission has begun collecting information on corruption cases committed during the nine-year administration of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

It will primarily look into cases of large-scale graft and cor

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Palace stays firm on hostage case action

Aquino says he won't amend panel recommendations just to appease HK

By Norman Bordadora

THERE will be no changes made to the Malacañang legal panel's recommendations on what sanctions to take against those found responsible for the hostage rescue fiasco last Aug. 23 just to appease Hong Kong.

"That I think is a very flimsy reason to amend the courses of action we have decided upon," President Aquino told a news conference yesterday.

"This is the sum total of the collective wisdom of everybody who participated in the review. We believe this is the proper course of action and this will be the one that will prosper," Mr. Aquino said.

The Hong Kong government earlier said in a statement that the Palace recommendation that only minor administrative charges be filed against those responsible would be unacceptable to the people of Hong Kong, especially the victims and their families.

Eight Hong Kong tourists died and several others suffered injuries as a result of the hostage-taking and the bungled rescue by the Manila police commandos. The hostage-taker, a former police officer, was also killed.

The Incident Investigation and Review Committee that Mr. Aquino appointed to look into the incident had recommended criminal and administrative sanctions against a number of officials that it found liable.

But the Palace review panel, consisting of Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa and Presidential Legal Counsel Eduardo de Mesa, recommended the filing of minor administrative charges against Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim and four police officials.

It absolved from punishment Interior Undersecretary Rico Puno, the highest civilian official recommended for sanction by the IIRC, as well as then Philippine National Police Chief Director General Jesus Verzosa and Manila Vice Mayor Isko Moreno.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, who headed the committee, claimed the Palace review panel had watered down the committee's recommendations, such as that Lim be charged criminally. De Lima said she even contemplated resigning over the issue.

At his press conference yesterday, the President said he ordered a review of the IIRC report for "what laws may have been violated."

"We tried to find whether [these] laws were applicable to the people accused of failing to do their duty and various other things," he said.

The President said the only thing that the government can do now is to explain to Hong Kong how the Palace review panel arrived at its findings.

"The only thing we can do is to explain exactly how the decision was arrived at, what are the limitations we have under our system of governance and also our laws," he said.

"Beyond that, I think we will continuously try, but at the end of the day this report, this fact-finding commission serves the interest of the Filipino people primarily," he added.

At the press briefing, the President found himself answering some points raised in a Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism Oct. 12 report on the leaks of the IIRC review.

Among other things, the PCIJ said that Mr. Aquino had "sought to ease the situation" for Puno, Lim and Verzosa during a meeting with the IIRC panel.



Ampatuan kin killed in ambush

COTABATO CITY—A member of the Ampatuan clan accused of orchestrating the country's worst political massacre was killed in an ambush on Wednesday in Sultan Kudarat province, police said yesterday.

Authorities said they were checking whether the attack that killed Cliff Ampatuan, 50, and wounded five other people, including his wife, had a connection with the massacre.

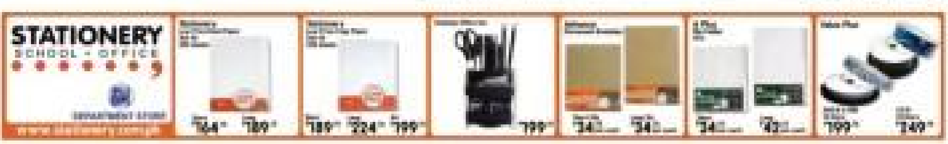
Ampatuan, who worked as a consultant on peace and order for the municipal government of Datu Abdullah Sangki town in Maguindanao, was attacked by motorcycle-riding men as he drove a car carrying his wife and the other victims in Barangay Dacay, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat, at about 5:30 p.m.

Ampatuan died on the spot while his wife was wounded, said Senior Supt. Marcelo Pintac, the Maguindanao police provincial director.

According to Pintac, Ampatuan was a grandson of former Maguindanao governor Andal Ampatuan Sr. who is on trial along with other relatives for the massacre last November of 57 people, including journalists and members of a rival political clan, in Ampatuan town.

He was a former public relations consultant of Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan Jr., principal suspect in the massacre. He was not among the suspects though. *AFP, Edwin Fernandez, Inquirer Mindanao*





Aquino: Let court rule on case of 'Morong 43'



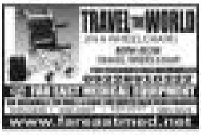




₱1B needed for retirement pay of justices, judges, says Corona

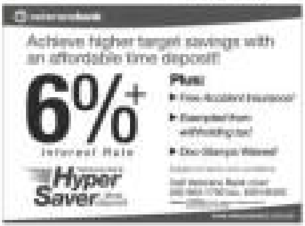






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Embassy confirms death of 6 Pinoys in cargo plane crash

By Jerry Esplanada

THE PHILIPPINE embassy in Pakistan has confirmed reports that six Filipinos were killed in a cargo plane crash on Tuesday in Afghanistan.

In a report to the Inquirer of-fice, the embassy in Islamabad yesterday cited a report from the DRL Justice Support, a group which provides logistical support and security services at Bagram Air Base, a US-run military base located 60 kilometers north of Kabul.

The DFA last night identified the six fatalities as pilot Benny Rubio, co-pilot Rene Basilla, crew members Nilo Medina and Rudy Vallesteros, a cargador "Mr. Castillo," a plane mechanic, and a cargador "Mr. Deleon," who was in charge of unloading.

According to the embassy, "an Indian and a Kenyan national also perished in the crash."

The eight hapless crew passengers of a C-130 cargo plane operated by Trans-Afrique, an aviation company based in Ghana & was contracted by the American firm National Air Cargo.

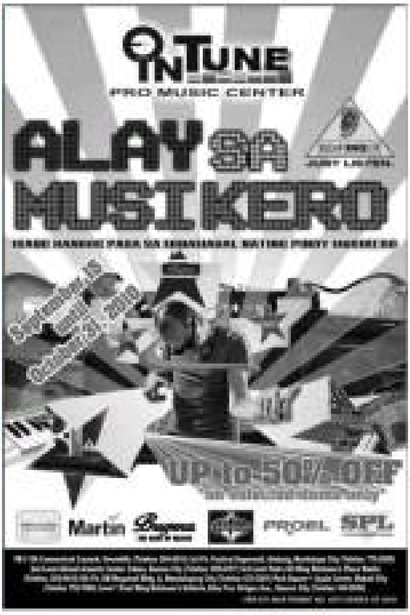
The plane was on its way to Kabul Airport from Bagram Air Base when it crashed near the Afghan capital.

Yesterday, the DFA Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs Esteban Conejos Jr. directed the embassy in Pakistan to "coordinate with the employers of the Filipino victims for the repatriation of their remains and their entitlements to death benefits."

Earlier, reports reaching the embassy said the cargo plane disappeared from Kabul International Airport radar screens at around 7:25 p.m.

The Inquirer had quoted Nangyalai Qalatwal, spokesperson of Afghanistan's ministry of transport and civil aviation, as saying all crew on board the plane perished.







P-Noy slams high court on midnight appointee

OMA employees fear delay in pay over leadership row

By Charlie C. Señase

Judge to make ruling despite amnesty

Defense dep't activates committee to process amnesty applications

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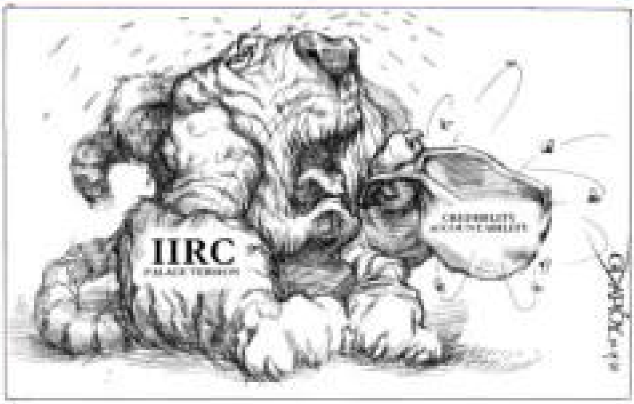
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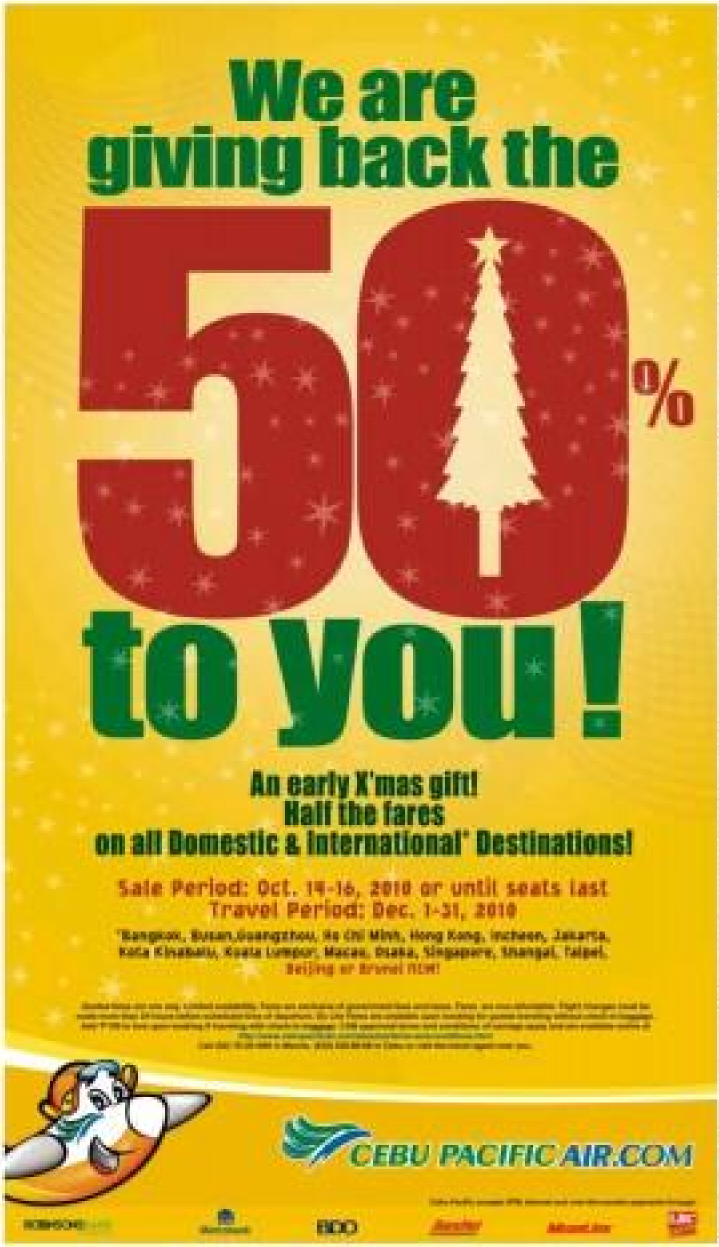
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THE GUIDED missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) is docked at the Subic Bay Freeport to participate in the annual RP-US naval training exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training.

GIs are back for war games with RP Navy

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The annual naval training exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (Carat 2010) opened here on Wednesday with this former American naval base serving as a backdrop for both the Philippines and the United States' renewed ties.

Carat is the US Navy 7th Fleet's annual exercise with the Philippine Navy.

Capt. David Welch, deputy commander of the US Navy's Destroyer Squadron 31, said the training program includes amphibious landings, humanitarian civic action, naval operations symposia, community service projects and diving and salvage operations.

Lt. Col. Edgard Arevalo, Philippine Navy spokesperson, said at least 4,000 US Navy personnel and 1,000 Filipino troops from the Navy and Marines are taking part in the exercise that will end on Oct. 22.

Welch said the training aims to develop "interoperability" between US and Philippine naval forces.

"Everyone, at all levels, from the troops on the ground to the commanders on both sides, will work together to achieve [common] goals of the training," he said.

Capt. Rodolfo Tejada, the exercise director, welcomed the opportunity to train with American troops "to significantly improve our [Philippine Navy's] capabilities."

He said the training's "sea phase" would be conducted in various locations in Pangasinan while the "land phase" would be held at the Clark Freeport in Pampanga.

US Navy ships participating in Carat 2010 include the guided missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97), guided missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and dive and salvage ship USNS Safeguard (T-ARS 50). *Robert Gonzaga, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Cops arrest suspect in poll exec's slay

CORDON, ISABELA—Police have arrested a suspect in the 2009 murder of a provincial election supervisor.

Ericson Delgado, 32, had been in hiding since the murder of Isabela provincial election supervisor Michael Valdez in November 2009.

Senior Supt. Jimmy Rivera, Isabela police director, said Delgado was arrested in Barangay [illegible] here at 6 p.m. on Oct. 13 by the Isabela police intelligence team and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

The arresting officers were armed with an arrest warrant issued by Judge [illegible] of the regional trial court in [illegible] town when they raided the house of [illegible], where Delgado was first spotted.

Delgado tried to elude arrest by hiding inside a built-in closet of a neighboring store, where lawmen found him. He was identified as one of the gunmen who shot and killed Valdez inside the [illegible] Hotel, which the poll official owned.

[illegible]

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MAGUINDANAO CASE

Cops release 6 gang rape suspects

By Jeffrey Maitem
Inquirer Mindanao

COTABATO CITY—Police have released six men held for the gang rape of a 21-year-old [illegible] in South Upi, Maguindanao for lack of evidence.

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Across the NATION

Kidnapped trader ill, says military

COTABATO CITY—The Chinese-Filipino trader seized by kidnappers a week ago is seriously ill, an Army colonel on Thursday said.



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21 Quezon firms to resume work on quarry sites

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AFP

Today, sing when you wash hands

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Aplus METRO

BIR files tax rap vs Taguig mayor

Cayetano sued for failing to submit financial books for 2008

By Julie M. Aurelio

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue (BIR) has filed charges against Taguig Mayor Ma. Laarni Cayetano for her alleged failure to submit the city government's accounting records for 2008.

With Tina G. Santos

DID YOU KNOW

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By Tina G. Santos

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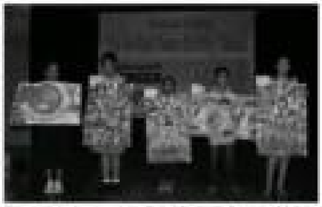
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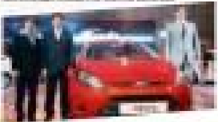
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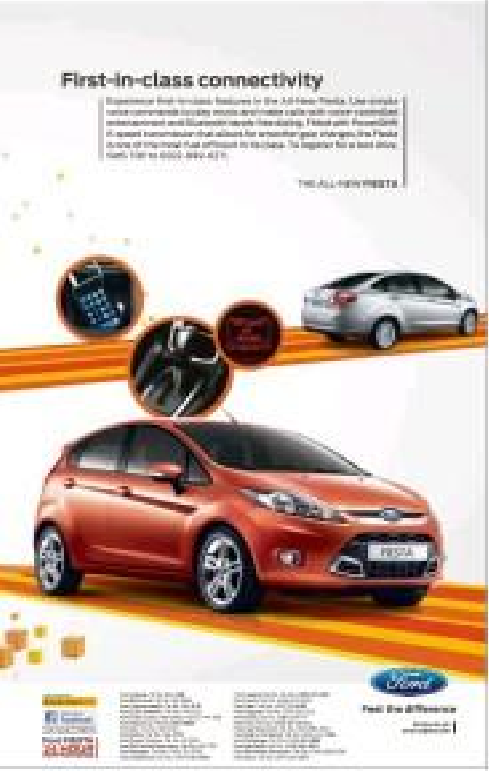
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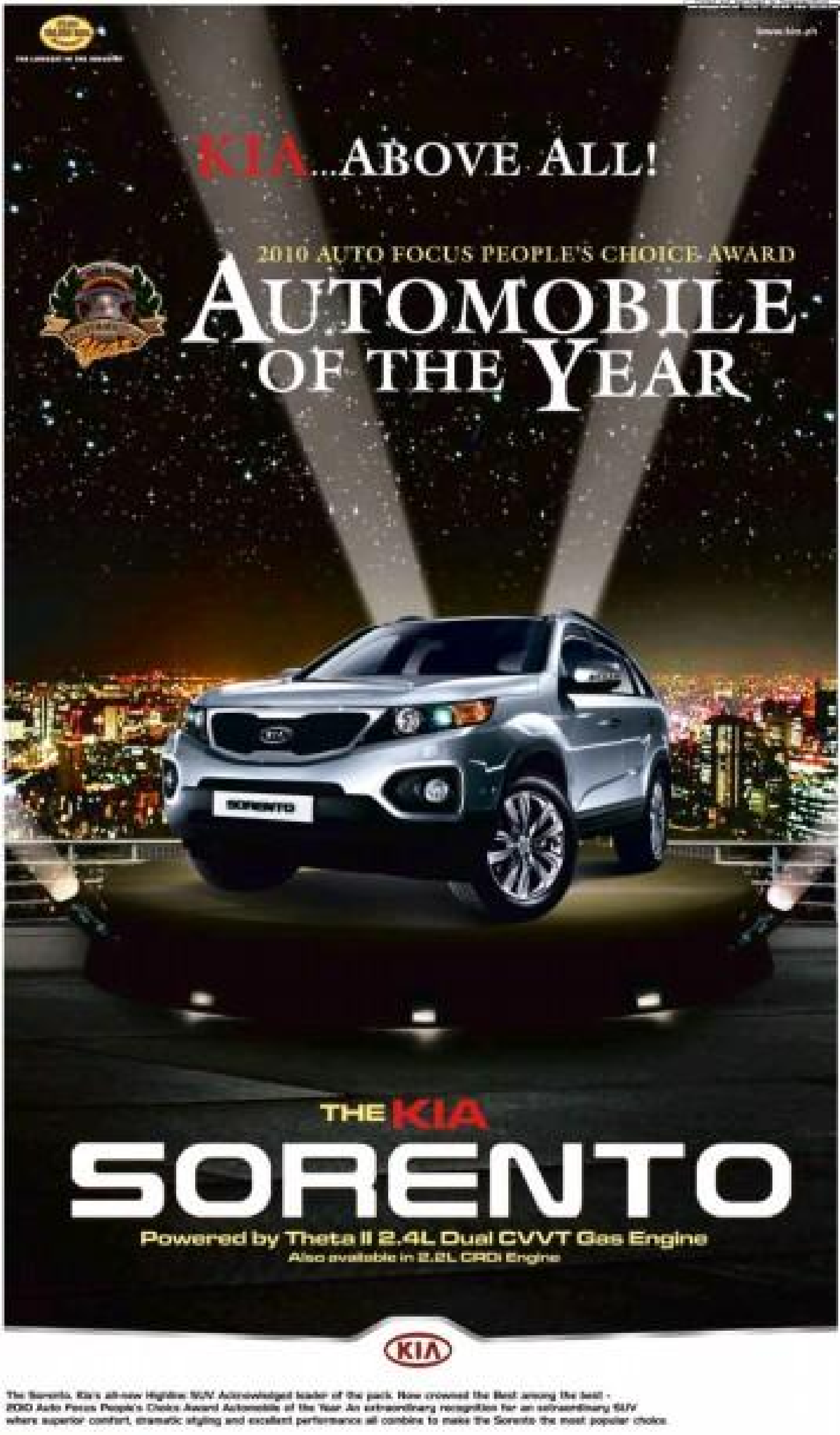
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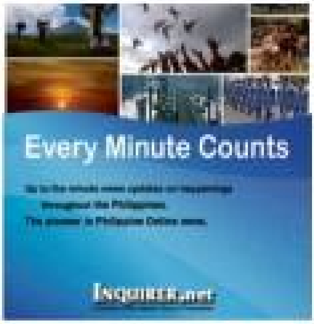






Del Rosario seizes world jetski crown

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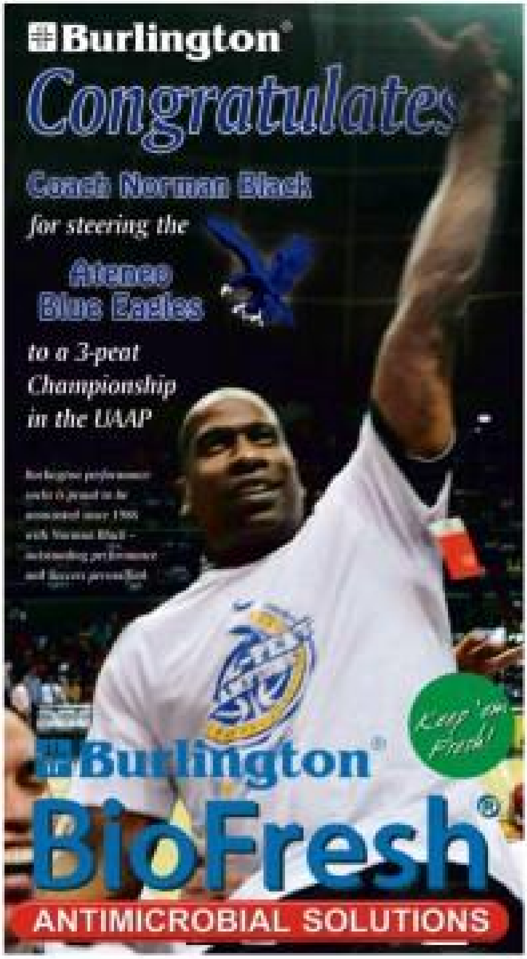


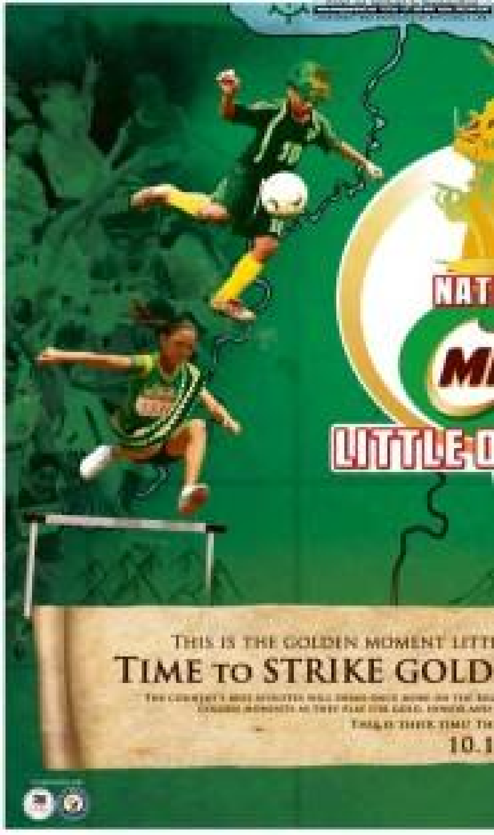
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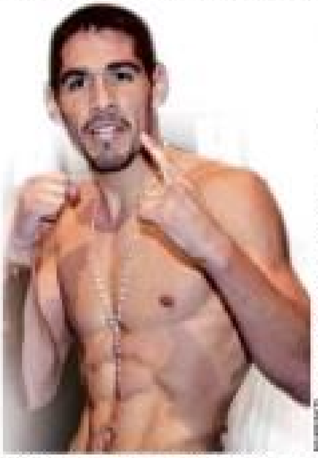


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By Jun Pinzon

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Toroman sees medal even minus Douthit

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By Musong R. Castillo



WANG: No more tears

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INSIDE SPORTS

Ronnie Nathanielsz

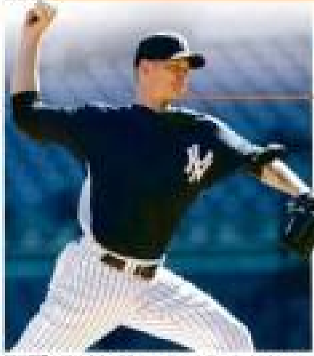


SPORTSWATCH

Pasay 'Big Event' derby gets going

Sharks, Kings pace FIBL elims

SPORTS



YANKEES starting pitcher AJ Burnett throws during a simulated game.

Odds favor Yankees

Star-studded New York picked over Texas

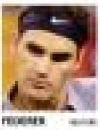
Yao returns as Rockets down Nets



YAO Ming

Arenas fined for false injury

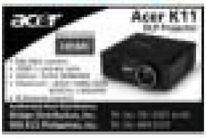
Federer hogs spotlight with magical shot



FEDERER



Business



Business highly optimistic for 4th quarter

Indicators

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

43.165



STOCK MARKET

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Shares close up

In this issue

FROM THE looks of it, this Christmas may bring on more than good cheer for the local business community.







BIR hits target, Customs misses

Revenue collectors exceeded goal by P1.6B in September

Restrictive work contracts

Corporate Counsel
Rael J. Pablo



Restrictions

Interpretation

No competition

Shares ...

Business . . .

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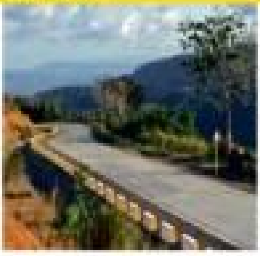

HONDA

Making Roads Safe with the International Road Assessment Program and AAP

The National Auto Club

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Deaths and injuries from road traffic crashes are a major and growing public health epidemic worldwide. Each year 1.3 million people die and 50 million more are injured or permanently disabled in road crashes all over the world. Road crashes are now the leading cause of death for children and young people aged between 10 and 24. The burden of road crashes compares with malaria and tuberculosis and costs one to three percent of the world's GDP.



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Strong partnership

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AAP joins the 4th Auto Review Run for Road Safety and Courtesy

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TWENTY AAP employees joined the 4th Auto Review Run for Road Safety and Courtesy.

Suzuki Alabang offers all-in promo for selected Suzuki models

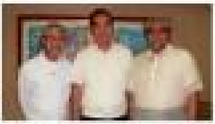
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Making Motoring Fun:

AAP represents private motorists in the Road Board

By Gus Lagman, AAP President

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ROAD Board's private sector representatives, AAP President Gus Lagman (left) and CTAP President Col. Rodolfo Ocampo (ret.) (right), pose for a picture with DPWH Secretary Rogelio Singson (center) after the oath-taking ceremony.

MVUC allocation

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Representative of private motorists

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2010 PTCC and PPCC Series kick off together with the Race of Champions

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Race of Champions

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The 2010 Race of Champions featured Philippine motorsports' finest drivers. [illegible]

The National Auto Club

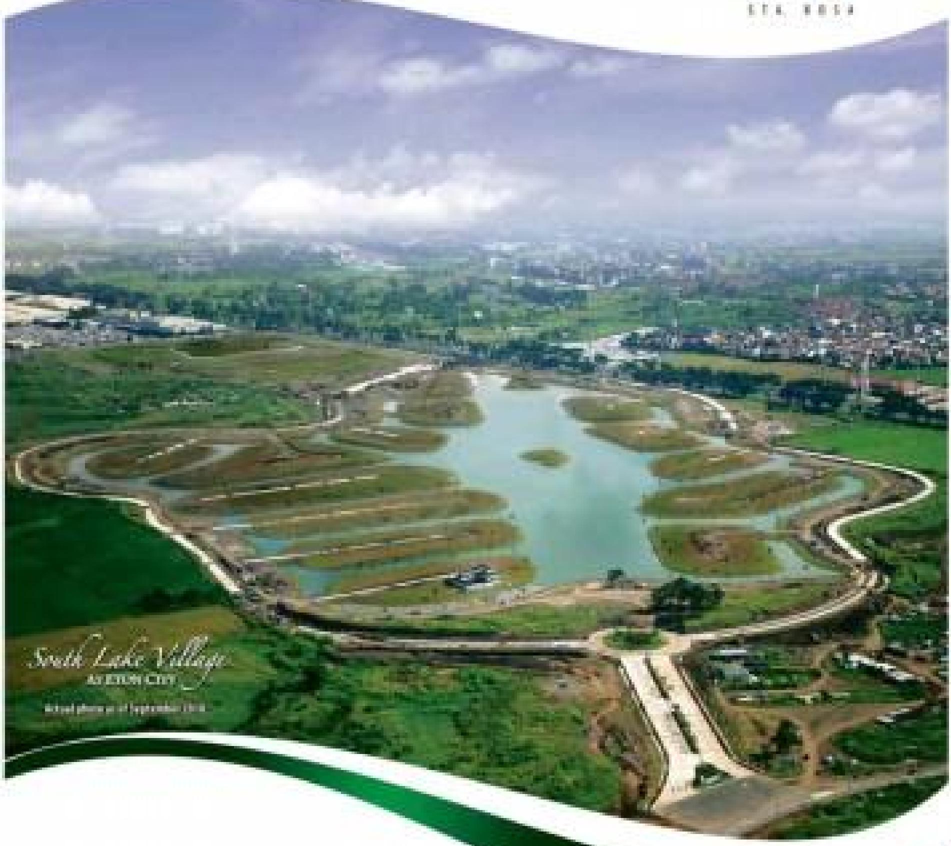
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The weekend made motor sport history when well-known former race car champion drivers had a reunion in the Concept One Race of Champions



AAP TO CONTINUE ASSISTING MOTORISTS AT THE SKYWAY

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South Lake Village
at ETON CITY
Actual photo as of September 2010









BUSINESS

RP antiquated laws drag down trade

DTI officials out to amend Labor Code to make businesses more competitive

By Abigail L. Ho

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry is pushing for the amendment of the Labor Code, which contains provisions that are making the country increasingly uncompetitive in the global arena.

During yesterday's Philippine Business Conference and Expo, Trade Secretary Gregory Domingo said the country's labor laws need to be "relaxed" to drive investments.

"The stricter the law, the less competitive we are. We have to relax a bit some of our labor laws to be more competitive," Domingo said. "The more restrictive you are, the less investments you'll get. We have to strike a balance."

With the current Labor Code, those currently employed are able to take advantage of relatively good benefits, he explained. Many others, however, are being rendered unemployed due to the many restrictions of the law.

A provision of the law that needs to be reviewed is one that touches on security of tenure, Domingo said. But this provision may be a tough one to handle, given the political repercussions it may bring about.

"I would have to check with other countries' laws, but I think we are one of the few countries with a security of tenure provision," he said. "We recognize that laborers need protection. It's a question of up to what degree."

Domingo said a review of labor laws in other parts of the world would have to be done to give the government an idea of which provisions would have to be amended or scrapped.

Earlier in the year, before the Aquino administration assumed leadership, the Employers Confederation of the Philippines drafted a resolution calling for the amendment of some provisions of the Labor Code, to keep the law in step with globalization and the changing labor landscape in the country.

The group noted that since the Labor Code's inception in 1974, the world of business and trade had already evolved, making the law antiquated and unresponsive to some of the changes in the global landscape.

"The archaic and counter productive provisions of the Labor Code continue to hamper growth and economic development of the country, hinder the promotion of new investments and employment opportunities, and limit or restrict the avenues by which business can exercise management prerogative. The Labor Code, thus, needs to be revised," the group said.

One of the provisions the group wants stricken out is Article 130, which prohibits women from doing work at night. Ecop also wants to change the provisions on contracting and subcontracting because these do not promote "dynamic and flexible work arrangements" necessary to boost business efficiency and productivity.

Sept. portfolio investments inflow up

'Hot' money placed in stocks, other securities reached $494 million

UCPB loans up 53% as of Sept.



Aboitiz unit adds 250 MW to Luzon grid

Energy conservation programs pushed



PLDT and IP-Converge Seals Partnership via PHIX Peering



SMPHI gets $150M from shares sale

Company earmarks fund for expansion

By Paolo G. Montecillo

MALL OPERATOR SM Prime Holdings Inc. has raised $150 million through its first shares sale since its listing in 1994, which will help the company expand its growing network of malls here and abroad. [illegible]



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ALI lines up more projects for 2011

PROPERTY GIANT Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) plans to launch more projects next year [illegible]

Paolo G. Montecillo

Gov't reviewing mining applications, tenements

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE MINES and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) is cleaning up inactive mining tenements [illegible]

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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Currencies

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Gov't ...

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PAL ...

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Former PSE president bucks REIT law changes

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE GOVERNMENT'S proposed changes to the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) law may hamper the success of the new asset class that is meant to divert billions in idle liquidity to more productive sectors.

With most countries in the region getting ready with their own REIT rules, the Philippines may miss out on foreign funds looking to invest in new assets, former Philippine Stock Exchange president Francis Lim said.

Lim spoke at the launch of the Philippine chapter of the Asia Pacific Real Estate Association (Aprea) earlier this week.

"If the revisions are not acceptable to the market, then the effects of the REIT law will not be carried out," Lim said.

The REIT law was one of Lim's pet projects during his five-year stint as the head of the PSE. Lim, who left the local bourse earlier this year, has returned to his old job as senior partner at the Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz Law Offices (Accralaw).

Lim's comments were prompted by the Department of Finance's (DOF) proposal for the Securities and Exchange Commission to introduce changes to the REIT law.

Among these changes is the need to sell 51 percent of a REIT company's shares upon listing, higher than the original 33 percent requirement.

The DOF also wants to ensure that all the money raised from issuing REIT shares are reinvested in projects and not used to repay sponsor firm's debts.

The first REIT shares were supposed to be issued before the end of the year by Ayala Land Inc. and SM Development Corp., but the implementation of the rules has been delayed.

However, Aprea CEO Peter Mitchell expressed optimism for the REIT plan's success, no matter how the final rules end up.

"REITs are now becoming an acceptable asset class for institutional investors," Mitchell said.



Classifieds

Philippine Economic Zone Authority

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROPERTY AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PIMS)

(Sgd.) ATTY. PORFIRIO LL. TUSINGCO
BAC Chairperson

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMITS (AEPIS)

Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Obituaries



On the First Death Anniversary of our Dearly Beloved...

Atty. ARMANDO C. LIZASO

His Loving Wife Chit, Children and Grandchildren request relatives, friends and all those lives he touched to remember him in their prayers.

Holy Masses for his eternal peace and happiness will be offered on October 15, 2010 at the following churches:

JUANITA "Aning" T. ALVAREZ

Born, September 2, 1915
Joined her Maker on October 14, 2010

TISHA

INFINITELY LOVED AND REMEMBERED

CARMEN JAZMINES SERRA

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord." -2 Corinthians 5:8

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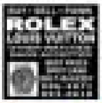
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NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Permanent Immigrant Visa of MR. DANNY JOSEPH COULTHARD issued by the Bureau of Immigration, was lost.

Any transaction entered into shall be null and void.





URGENT HIRING

Job Title: Country Representative Philippines

Job Requirement:

A leading petroleum company engaged in exploration is in urgent need of a highly qualified person who will be tasked to do the following:

- Provide liaison between its Head Office based in the US, and other key offices and agencies in Asia, regulatory agencies and the Philippine government.
- Monitor and advise HO of on-going opportunities and threats in the Philippine Petroleum Sector.
- Acts as representative of the company with local stakeholders.
- Coordinate and facilitate, cross functionally, planning and execution requirements necessary for deep water exploration drilling of the company in the Philippines.

Qualifications:

Educational Qualifications:

- Should be a degree holder in any business course with at least some units in a Master's program.
- An MBA degree will definitely be given favorable consideration.

Previous Work Experience:

Candidates to the position should have at least 5 years work experience in a supervisory level or as a consultant to a petroleum company in the field of marketing, exploration, financial planning and business development.

Responsibilities:

- Managing government approvals, compliance requirements with the Department of Energy and other agencies including the Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Customs, Philippine Navy, Department of Fisheries, and other government agencies that will be involved in the business.
- Track competition and opportunities for growth.
- Develop and maintain a strong relationship with major stakeholders, regulatory bodies, the government and the private sector.
- Ensure that financial compliance requirements are met.
- Ensuring that all petroleum activities are carried to the company's code of conduct and standards.

Interested applicants who possess the above qualifications may send in application letters, comprehensive curriculum vitae with photos to: [illegible]@gmail.com not later than October 31, 2019.

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Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital B16
Fusing Corporation B16

Business

Gov't moves to lessen risks in PPP projects

By Abigail L. Ho

IFC rep gets board seat in Banco de Oro

PAL suspends Brisbane flights indefinitely

BUSINESS *Friday*

Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino



Coffee sector hot on the trail of fast growth

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

THERE IS HOPE for the local coffee industry.

After decades of decline in the production of coffee in the country, the industry is finally showing signs of an imminent return to growth.

With collective help from concerned organizations, individuals, and the government, efforts are being undertaken to "rehabilitate and rejuvenate" coffee farms around the country to further boost their production yield to maximize capacity.

"We have rejuvenated some 1,700 hectares [out of 78,000 ha] of coffee farms around the Philippines since we started our operations," says Pacita Juan, chairman of the Philippine Coffee Board (PCB).

The PCB is a nonstock, nonprofit organization composed of coffee advocates who got together in an effort to rehabilitate the fledgling coffee industry.

To celebrate Coffee Month, the Philippine Coffee Board launches Coffee Origins





COFFEE trees



SACKS of roasted coffee



ABOVE, Nicholas Mazzi of PCB explains how the machine mills raw green beans. Left, Pacita Juan explains how coffee trees can grow with other crops.



The pest buster and the profit strategist

MARKETING Rx

Dr. Neil Roberto & Andy Roberto

ARC's green plan continues

Fashion jewelry bead and bag making seminar set

Pharmacist and rising entrepreneur comes up with winning formula for natural luxury business





Coffee sector hot on the trail of fast growth

UCPB's reforestation site now a wildlife haven

Equicom super check offers alternative payment scheme

DENR declared UCPB's reforestation area as a 'Model Reforestation Site' in 2007



Notable bird species



Planting of rare species

BUSINESS *Friday*

The little engine that could

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SPLASH Corp. [illegible]

Making a move

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Filipino touch

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Sibol Schools make a difference

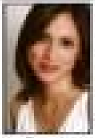
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LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



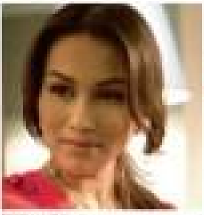
How 4 brides-to-be are preparing for the Big Day

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Nia Francisco-Prieto

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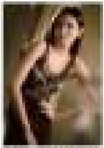
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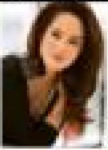






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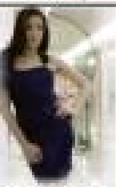








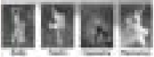








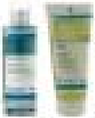






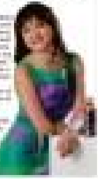
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THE JEAN SCENE AT SM



Get into the jean scene with Virtual Plus Jeans or V+ Jeans, SM's new in-house jeans label for men. Exuding youth, vitality and strength, V+ Jeans has different fits, styles, washes and bold detailing that will appeal to a whole generation of men.

With three distinct collections, men can wear these V+ Jeans with their signature tees and cover-ups to create looks that will suit their every mood and lifestyle.

Great for pairing with your button downs and dressy cover-ups, V+ Basic collection includes classic basic 5 pocket denim made for daily work wear.

The V+ Modified Basic jeans, likewise, work full time. With the updated thread combination and wash, and creative sewing details that spell only of style, these jeans are perfect to wear from day to night.

The V+ Fashion Forward collection, on the other hand, has a progressive avant-garde feel. With thick stitching, rugged hemlines, big back pockets, wide belt loops, latest washing, and combination of leather and other materials, these jeans make a fashionably cool statement.

V+ is available at the Men's Wear section of all SM Department Store.

Fashion: Available at the Men's Wear department of SM Department Store
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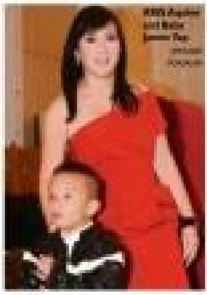


LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty





How Kris became freckle-free and two sizes smaller



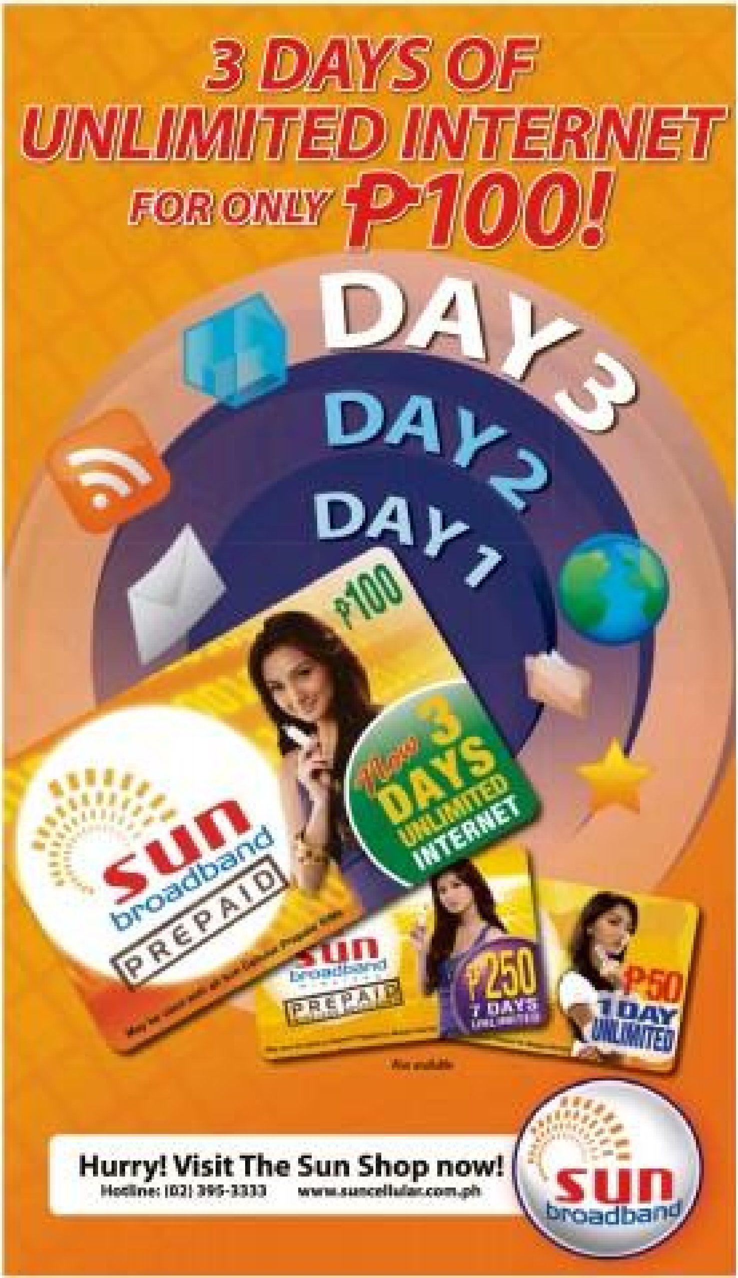
By Alex Y. Vergara

KRIS AQUINO'S legendary candor is the stuff of legend. But behind that celebrity gloss is an overly sentimental person who's easy to please and, like her brother President Benigno Aquino III, places a premium on loyalty.

These qualities allowed leading cosmetic surgeon Dr. Vicki Belo to woo Aquino back to Belo Medical Group (BMG) after a ...

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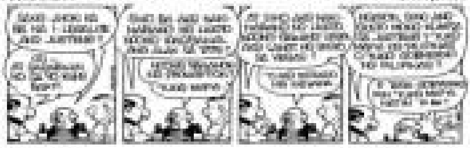
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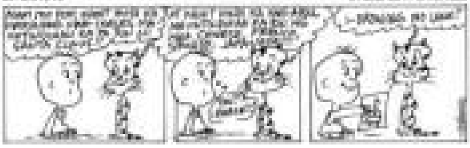
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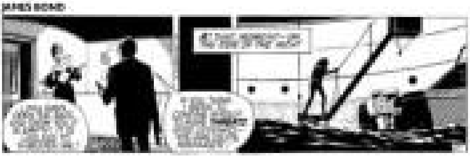
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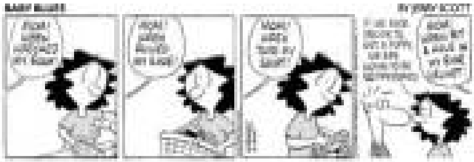
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BABY BLUES — By Jerry Scott



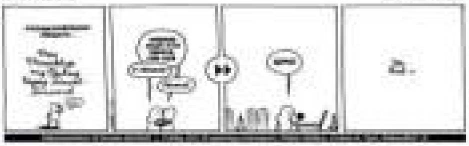
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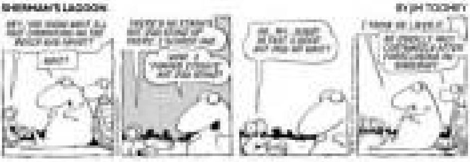
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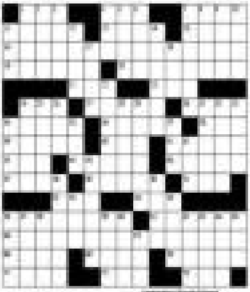
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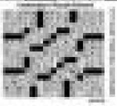
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE









MATTEO Guidicelli ... Cristalle Belo Henares



ANGELICA Cruz and Richard Gomez

TOGETHER again, Belo and Aquino answer questions from journalists.



BELO and Kevin Tan

How Kris became freckle-free and two sizes smaller

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personal falling out in 2007 involving the latter's estranged husband James Yap.

(After a B&G receptionist claimed that she and Yap had an affair, a visibly hurt Aquino publicly accused Belo of condoning it. Still under contract with B&G, she left the company to endorse a competitor.)

"We didn't even get to talk about it," said Belo. "We hadn't seen each other for years until she invited me over for dinner in her condo a few months ago."

With Yap already out of the picture, both women seemed to have put their differences behind them, as Belo formally announced her star endorser's return with a grand media launch recently at Makati Shangri-La's Red.

Looking as toned as ever and sporting a short, flattering bob, Belo welcomed a visibly radiant and slimmer Aquino, who credited her looks to B&G's exclusive non-invasive treatments such as Cosmelan, Multi-polar and a yet-to-be named regimen of herbal diet pills.

"I don't get dark, but I'm prone to getting freckles when I'm out in the sun too long," said Aquino. "I noticed this after I campaigned for my brother last May. Even if you put on sun block with SPF 80, something bad is bound to happen to your skin if you're out in the sun all day."

But she noticed considerable improvements after just one application of Cosmelan, which, unlike Obagi, doesn't consist of a cocktail of medications that one apply step by step. After using it on a number of affected areas, including her face, a few more times, Aquino's freckles became history.

Cosmelan, said Belo, is also effective in addressing melasma or unsightly brown, map-like patches on the face also caused by sun damage.

Regular exercise

It may also come as a surprise to fans, but the workout-averse Aquino now exercises regularly at home on the treadmill while watching her favorite American TV shows such as "Modern Family," "The Good Wife" and "Nikita."

A personal trainer sees her thrice a week to help her work on her arms and upper body using a Pevco weight training system.

"I need to be fit and [illegible] because my role in 'Dalaw,' a Metro Manila Filmfest entry, requires me to do a lot of running," she said.

Aquino, who's down to two dress sizes, will start shooting the horror flick for Star Cinema later this month. She credits exercise and B&G's herbal diet pills for helping her burn unwanted calories twice as fast. She took the capsules once a day for 10 days after a light breakfast.

"It gives you a feeling of fullness with none of the usual side effects like sleeplessness, palpitations and dryness in the mouth," she said. "It doesn't kill your taste buds."

She also underwent a series of sessions using B&G's Multi-polar machine to help tone and trap those unsightly inches from her upper arms and thighs.

"Multi-polar, like bi-polar, emits radio frequencies to tighten skin, and melt fat without the need for surgery," said Belo. "Most of the machines available these days are bi-polar. With Multi-polar, you simply have more energy coming in on specific areas."

True to character, Aquino soon "outed" older sister Pinky Abellada for also undergoing the treatment. Abellada, whose civic project, a depressed area in Bacolod, is a beneficiary of B&G, graced the affair. She managed to laugh and take her sister's revelation in stride.

"I'm not the endorser here," said an amused Abellada.

Indeed, whereas Aquino was all too eager to announce a series of liposuction and breast augmentation procedures done on her by Belo several years ago, she now seems more enthusiastic in advancing a greater, non-invasive approach to beauty.

After giving birth to Baby James by Caesarean, her doctors warned she's a high risk candidate for surgeries because of a blood-clotting problem.

"I don't know how I'm going to promote our surgeries now," said a smiling Belo, who has a reputation for being one of the country's foremost experts in liposuction. "But I was told that Kris' condition has always been there. We were just lucky it didn't manifest itself before. But I'd rather not risk it."

Contrary to what cynics might think, Belo thinks neither money nor [illegible] in Aquino's part has anything to do with her decision to "come back home."

"She's been going to me since 1995," she said. "She left only in 2007, and now she's back. I don't think that's being fickle."

Belo and Aquino, through their respective managers Joji Dingcong and Boy Abunda, signed a three-year contract on the eve of the May 10 elections. Dingcong is a B&G consultant, while Abunda is Aquino's manager on endorsement deals.

"That they took me in no matter what would happen meant a lot to me," said Aquino, referring to her high-profile participation in her brother's presidential campaign.

Celebrity endorsers

Belo started the trend among beauty clinics of getting celebrity endorsers to promote her company in exchange for free services. The scheme evolved over the years as competition took B&G's lead and began getting its biggest endorsers by [illegible] them with hefty sums.

This time, Aquino won't only get unlimited access to B&G's services, but is also assured to be several million pesos richer after signing the deal. Both women were mum regarding actual figures, but Aquino [illegible].

Their reunion dinner took place right after Aquino and her two sons went on a US vacation. Weeks earlier, the so-called "Queen of All Media" announced to the world her decision to separate from Yap for good.

"I was quite nervous while I was in the elevator, but as soon as I saw her everything went well," said Belo. "Nothing was said as we hugged each other."

Belo also discovered how extensive Aquino's designer shoes and bag collection had become during that visit. The number of YSL Tributes in Aquino's shoe closet was even bigger than Belo's, who's known to lavish her endorsers with expensive gifts.

Rather than give Aquino another bag, Belo [illegible]. Aquino appreciated the gesture, especially when Baby James was confined recently in the hospital. She also regularly sent comfort food, including her cook's special paksiw and Aquino's favorite Hainanese chicken rice.

"She knows it's my favorite dish," said Aquino. "I don't know why Dr. Belo chose Thursday, but she has been sending paksiw [illegible] to the condo on that day every week. She's really a warm and gracious person. It's hard not to like her."



AQUINO with Baby James and sister Pinky Abellada



PINKY Tan and Joji Dingcong

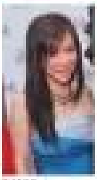


JOANNE Ros-Ramirez and Rose Prieto-Valdes


LARGE Bautista, People Asia editor Joanne Rae Ramirez, Pinky Aquino Abellada, Malacañang Social Secretary Susan Reyes and entrepreneur Baby Girl Fricke


EDWIN Ramos, Rosa Espiritu, Dr. Marilyn Cruz, Dr. Vicki Belo, Dr. March Bañares-Cortez and Dr. Philip Buriag


FRIENDS again, Vicky Belo and Kris Aquino


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TAKING questions from the press during Kris' presentation as the "comeback" endorser of the Belo Medical Group


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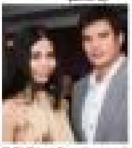

MATTEO Guidicelli, Jojie Dingcong and John James Uy


PINKY Yeo, Angie Tan and banker Andrew Gan


CRISTALLE Belo-Henares and Megaworld's Kevin Tan


SUSAN Reyes with Aziel Henares


JACQUELINE Yu and Mads Alegado


EVENT host Rajo Maranopal with John David Young


ANGELICA Cruz of Magic 89.9 with Edward Mendez

Two women of beauty and style kiss and make up

THE BELO Medical Group had the hottest ticket in town, dahlings, when it welcomed back its celebrity endorser the chic, vibrant, witty and multimedia maven Kris Aquino, no less.

Dr. Vicki Belo, the celebrity cosmetic surgeon, led the welcome in the appropriately titled affair, "Back with the Best." Indeed, Kris Aquino is back with Belo!

This awesome happening was done by topnotch [illegible] consultants Jojie Dingcong and Robert Blancaflor. The last one did the "floral" plan, [illegible].

An array of white roses, stargazers and [illegible] perfumed every table of the posh Red French Restaurant of Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Each centerpiece even boasted its own heart with the Belo symbol and name, using several white roses.

When Kris (looking more fit in her [illegible] red outfit, clinging on her slim figure and new chic hairdo) and her son Baby James walked on the red carpet, she created an [illegible], with the mob of media men swarming her. But the fab mom that she is, she was more concerned about looking after her Baby James, dahlings.

Then Doc Belo and daughter Cristalle entered, dressed in pale gold and coral, respectively, and triggered another snap-happy frenzy.

The renewed partnership between Doc Belo and Kris is totally a headline goddess, all hail!

Other [illegible] had the [illegible] to high gear like first sister Pinky Aquino-Abellada, whose education advocacy in [illegible] got the support of Belo; Angelica Cruz of Magic 89.9; stage actor Marco Manalac; [illegible] Hollywood [illegible] Philippe Vandimann, who is Doc Belo's [illegible] partner; and Megaworld's young boss Kevin Tan, plus, plus.

The five-course dinner and upscale ambience were beyond amazing. After all, it was a celebration of beauty, making this night of nights totally extraordinary, pakinggan.

Exiting also loads of "looking at" very handsome hot actors John James Uy and Edward Mendez. The latter was introduced to me by [illegible] TV soap opera, "Magkaribal."

Next day, I asked my pal Susan Reyes, Malacañang's hard-working social secretary, "What do you think of that event?"

She replied, "Everything was so perfect and beautiful. The exquisite floral motif, the excellent dinner menu and champagne. Truly an elegant event of fun! Nicely done."

As always, dahlings, Doc Belo makes sure that everyone under her care get only the best.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen powered by [illegible]

Moroso and art

Fabulous, high-end Italian furniture brand Moroso welcomed its well-heeled guests to its showroom at the IRC Burgundy Empire Tower in Ortigas Center. The exhibit showed a gallery of [illegible] for every room of the home and presenting an eye-catching preview of fashion designer Rajo Laurel's 2010 fall collection, [illegible].

Joseph Tan and Stephanie Cayetano-Tan, the couple who brought Moroso to Philippine shores, opened this glamorous happening. "We are truly happy and excited to be partnering with Rajo for this particular collection, which we feel is a perfect complement to Moroso pieces," said Joseph Tan.

The to-die-for pieces were the Ron Arad sofa Victoria and Albert and Do-Lo-Rez, Tord Boontje's Shadowy, a play on 1920s beach furniture and woven African patterns (one was raffled off that evening, dahlings!), and the chaise lounge Antibodi by Patricia Urquiola.

The highlight was, nonetheless, a fashion show with Rajo's "de joie" new collection.

"I wanted to create a collection that would combine opposite forces, yet result in something that is both cohesive and sublime," the designer said.

Rajo's divine muses did their sashaying around the showroom, to the applause of Italian Ambassador Luca Fornari and his wife, [illegible] Silvana Fornari, Lily and Rosella Montemayor, Marion Cojuangco, and Ingrid Chua Go.

Check out the pieces that come with [illegible] at the Moroso showroom, G/F, IRC Burgundy Empire Tower, ADB Avenue and Garnet Road, Ortigas Center. Call [illegible].

Tango gig

Now, pakinggan, the must-go-to concert this month is Hilton's "Tutti Tango" on Oct. 22 at the Insular Life Auditorium in Alabang. The dance concert features irresistible dancers led by the talented Maria Beltran and four consummate musicians led by Alfonso "Coke" Bolipata, no less.

Hilton is chaired by [illegible] Vicente Ayllon, chairman of Insular Life. Board members are [illegible]. Its dedicated president is Vicky Hernandez Zubiri.

To reserve tickets, call 666-4097 or 0916-941-5472. Or e-mail [illegible]


"TUTTI TANGO!" concert will feature four dancers led by Maria Beltran, and four musicians led by Alfonso "Coke" Bolipata.


STEPHANIE Cayetano-Tan and her husband, Joseph Tan Jr., the couple who brought the high-end Italian furniture brand Moroso to Manila


CLINTON and Jacqueline Campos-Hess with [illegible]


MIA BORROMEO, Issa Tanbarlong, Anne Marie Segali and Teeka Magsalero

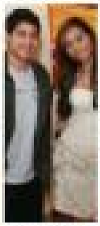

WINNIE Domingo, Manon Schmidt, Mia Florendo, Joleen Santos and Mandy dela Rama-Santos


REP. Lorebelle Villarica, Cinnel Bautista and Ellen Lim, with the Moroso Victoria sofa designed by Ron Arad


[illegible]


GRACE Ang, Liz Alvarez and designer of the hour Rajo Laurel


DAVID Lim, Italian Ambassador Luca Fornari and Silvana Fornari


CONSTANT companions Victor Basa and Divine Lee


SALOME [illegible] in an African-inspired Moroso Shadowy chair by Tord Boontje

LIFESTYLE

Philippine Cultural Festival opens in Florence



THE FESTIVAL dell' Arte Filippina (Philippine Cultural Festival) will run Oct. 16 to 18 at the Auditorium al Duomo in Florence, Italy.

The Philippines is holding the festival upon the invitation of the Fondazione Romualdo del Bianco.

Organizers are the Tancredo-Romulo Foundation, Romulo's Commercial Corporation, and Philippine-Italian Association. Cooperator is the Jose C. Aquino Foundation.

The festival aims to strengthen and enhance the cultural ties between Italy and the Philippines.

The festival includes an art exhibit, an academic conference, signing of agreements and a music and dance concert. It also includes educational tours of key Florentine historical and cultural assets, e.g. the Uffizi Gallery, the Duomo, the palazzos and piazzas that embody the characteristic architecture and urbanism of the early Renaissance.

The three-day art exhibition at the Sonesi Hall features contemporary practices of artists from the UP College of Fine Arts.

The exhibit, "Braccio," features works on paper by Leo Abaya, Ilan Bacalso, Alfred Roy Capitol, Imelda Cajipe-Endaya, Lito Carating, Reynaldo Concepcion, Dennis Y. Dizon, Joy V. Dizon, Ruben De Jesus, Bid De Leon, Annie del Castillo, Brell Robinson, Dakil Hernando, Gerard Lico, Leonore R.S. Lim, Lina Llaguno-Ching, Joy Lozada, Greg Lucente, Jaime Olmedo, Ling Quisumbing, Rita Romero, Danilo Silvestre, Nenor Olarte Viduya, Jun'Ma and Phyllis Zaballero. The exhibit is curated by Rubén D.F. Defeo.

The one-day conference on Oct. 18 will be themed, "Philippines-Italy: Cultural Nexus." Sen. Edgardo J. Angara will be the keynote speaker. The conference will present scholarly papers by UP and Italian faculty on architecture, fine arts and music.

An early evening music concert follows the conference at the Auditorium al Duomo, featuring musical renditions by tenor Nathan Aroyan as accompanied on the piano by Nita Abrogar-Quinto. Repertoire covers Filipino compositions and Italian Baroque and Classical pieces.

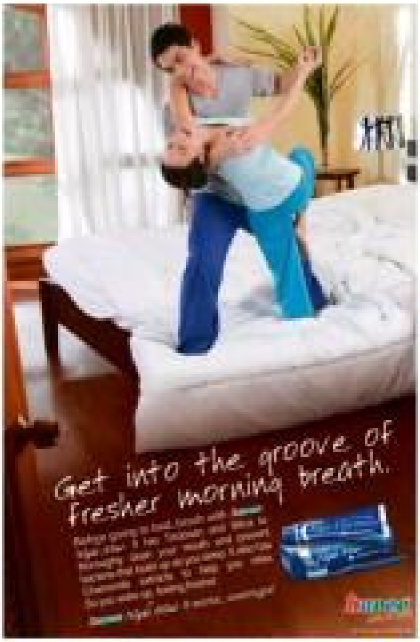
The reception will feature contemporary and Philippine folk dances. Soprano Lara Maigue will render Filipino songs.

Memoranda of understanding are expected to be signed between the University of the Philippines and the Fondazione Romualdo del Bianco, University of Florence, Florence Academy of Fine Arts and Scuola di Musica di Fiesole.

Present during the turnover of the checks to UP were Romulo's president Nedy Tantoco...

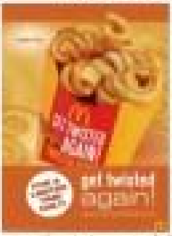
LAWYER Avelino Cruz, Jose Dante Silvestre, Tina Colayco, Sen. Edgardo Angara, Silvana Diaz, Mary Lucidine, Nedy B. Tantoco, Maria Algiala Romy Chalkley, Chit Montenegro, Massimo Ferrara and Lita Lorenzo. (seated)

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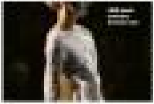
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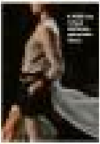
Viktor and Rolf: theatrical—but wearable

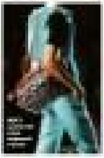




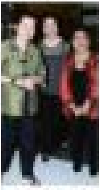




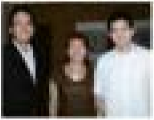




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Samsonite celebrates 100 years strong with the revolutionary new Cosmolite



Recognized around the globe for the strength, quality, and innovation of their products, Samsonite, the world leader in luggage, travel bags and accessories, marks its milestone century of operations by unveiling its latest revolution – not only the strongest but also the lightest Samsonite ever made, the new Cosmolite.

Founded in 1910 by the Shwayder Brothers as a wooden trunk company, Samsonite made its reputation by changing the way people travel. Its innovations include the Ultralite, the first super-light suitcase designed for airline travel; the Saturn, the first injection-molded hardside polypropylene suitcase; the Oyster, the first suitcase with a 3-point locking system; and the 4-point multi-directional Spinner wheels that made luggage maneuvering nearly effortless.

With the Cosmolite, Samsonite once again sets a new standard for the travel luggage industry by exclusively patenting advanced Curv® technology, the same type of thermoplastic process used in bulletproof vests. Layers of composite polypropylene sheets are woven together to create a thin, light outer shell with unrivalled impact resistance and durability. Its distinctive design, with ridges inspired from sea shells, minimize scratches and add extra strength without the need for thicker layers.

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Since its launch, Cosmolite has been Samsonite's fastest-selling line around the world, and has won the coveted Best of the Best 2010 Red Dot Design Award and the Henri Van de Velde Label for Design.



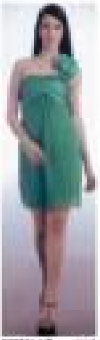
The Samsonite Cosmolite comes in a variety of Spinner sizes in black, silver, or red. Samsonite Cosmolite is available at The Podium, Greenbelt 5, Eastwood Mall, SM Mall of Asia, Marquee Mall, Ayala Center Cebu, and at Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La, Alabang Town Center, and Gateway. It is also available at The Travel Club stores in Shangri-La, Greenbelt 3, and Rockwell and also at Shoemart, Landmark, and Robinson's Department Stores.



LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



Fashion forum opens at SM Makati







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PRINTED jersey dress

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Fashion Forum is the ultimate destination for stylish investment pieces from contemporary imported brands like Adrianna Papell, Donna Morgan, Donna Ricco, London Times, Maggy London, Max and Cleo and Miss Couture. These are clothes that fabulously fit into the many facets of a woman's lifestyle—her work, her home and her leisure time—all at great value.

Dashing designer brands, contemporary and elegant interiors, as well as well-trained fashion associates who are always there at your service will make each shopping experience at Fashion Forum more relaxing, creative and interesting.

The Adrianna Papell collection has a range of gorgeous day dresses and glamorous pieces that look great on generations of stylish women. Adrianna Papell clothes at SM's Fashion Forum exude effortless elegance with exquisite detailing and feminine silhouettes [illegible], as well as [illegible] and luxe lace.

The Max and Cleo label, from the house of BCBG, is the go-to brand when you're looking for modern, stylish dresses. The collection at Fashion Forum includes career, day and evening dresses. You'll love the way the collection creates new looks with playful details—interesting cut of tailored formal dresses, feminine detailing like a [illegible]—creating a fancy yet sophisticated note to any look.

The Donna Morgan collection is a classic mix of trends designed for fashion-forward women who are comfortable with the fit, style and design of the dress. It offers the most flattering silhouettes and shapes, accentuated by the most innovative fabric. Donna Morgan's printed and [illegible] fabrics move beautifully from day to night.

Donna Ricco collection is all about fashion sensibilities with a feminine flair, suited to any lifestyle. With sleek silhouettes that comfortably hug the female form, charming prints like florals and foliage, the Donna Ricco collection is timeless and elegant.

Maggy London dresses are all about vibrant days and exuberant evenings. It constantly celebrates the female form by the creative use of fabric, like elegant drapes and twists. The collection's soft silhouettes and fluid tailoring create an exciting new fashion attitude.

The Miss Couture collection has been a source of fashion finds for Manila's stylish women with its fashion forward, day, night and day to night collections of trendy, of the moment pieces with imaginative detailing and unexpected twists. You'll love its collection at the Fashion Forum in Makati, as well as in ten other SM Department Store branches.

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Fashion Forum is located at the third level of the SM Department Store in Makati, and will open soon at SM Ortigas and North EDSA.



BLACK bondage V-neckline dress



DAVID Meister tribal printed dress



MAX and Cleo asymmetrical long gown



MISS Couture loose top with chain detailing on the neckline paired with BCBGeneration peg skirt



TOMCHI Nocom, Liza Sarda, Millie Dizon and Tessa Prieto Valdes



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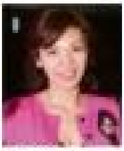
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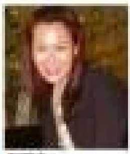
CARMEN Lindayag, Cecily Kong and Carissa Chen



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DONNA Ricco printed dress



FLORAL printed Miss Couture dress

Fuchsia on lips, bronze on eyes for Xmas look

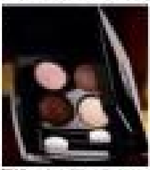


CHANEL'S Christmas makeup collection palette is characterized by warm tones, flashed with a joyful pink, and complemented by coppers and bronzes swept over eyelids.

On cheeks, lips and fingertips, the radiance of ultra-feminine Fuchsia is a playful weapon of seduction. Flirt-candy pink-jewel, Tissed Fuchsia adorns cheekbones. The complexion lights up in joyful pink, sprinkled with specks of gold.

The lipsticks and glosses are all in seductive shades of pink.

The star product of the collection enshrines bronze in the quad eye makeup, with two dark and two light shades. Their iridescent and satiny texture enhance the sensuality of the eyes.



STAR product of the collection enshrines bronze.

Le Vernis Fuchsia completes the fuchsia harmony with intense flair. Painted onto nails, it echoes the shine or satin of fuchsia lip and cheek makeup.

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Discover a delightful world of LEGO at SM Megamall



Catch the country's biggest LEGO Fan event at The Mega Atrium at SM Megamall. Dubbed the LEGO World of Bricks, this exhibit will feature intricately designed creations like the Eiffel Tower, Star Wars, the City, Creator and Bionicles. All constructed from LEGO bricks, these will surely take you to worlds where imagination reigns supreme.

The LEGO brick, first launched in its present form in 1958, is responsible for igniting creativity in young minds. These interlocking bricks offer unlimited building possibilities, unlocking children's imaginations and encouraging creative play.

Bring the kids along, so they can build their own worlds at the My Own Creation section. Afterwards, they can get their photo taken with their creations. The LEGO World of Bricks runs from Oct. 15 to Nov. 3. Be sure to see it and relive your childhood as your kids go through theirs.





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NECKLACE made from recycled bullet shells dipped in gold, by Michelline Syjuco

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty

Kristine Dee, Paul Syjuco and Michelline Syjuco's 'Triad Reluxe' is all about 'renewable luxury'

Recycled jewelry is 'eco-luxe'

By Marge C. Enriquez
Contributor

THE FASHION industry is trying to change the perception of luxury as indulgent and wasteful by upholding new environmental and humane labor norms. The New York Times has been coming out with articles on the exgenered dubbed "eco-luxe" or "sustainable luxury" and "ethical consumption."

"Green gold" has emerged, for instance—recycled gold that is beneficial to the planet, instead of using gold that has been mined and thereby jeopardizing ecosystems.

In keeping with the trend, Firma is organizing a jewelry exhibit called "Triad Reluxe," its own version of "renewable luxury," starting Oct. 22 in Greenbelt 3. To guest artists—the Pratt-trained industrial and jewelry designer Kristine Dee, Paul Syjuco of Anzu Jewelry in Toronto and artist-performer Michelline Syjuco—recycling isn't anything new.

Kristine and Paul have had clients who grew weary of their jewelry, found the style too dated or received heirloom pieces that needed new designs. They

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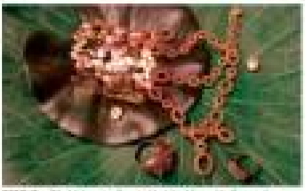







MICHELLINE Syjuco's hand-sculpted, 24-karat gold-dipped brass is made from .22 caliber bullet shells and scrap metal sheets.


PAUL Syjuco's cross pendant with cushion-cut citrine and green sapphire pavé set in oxidized silver, yellow gold and freshwater pearl necklace is a product of recycling.


PEBBLE cuff in 14-karat yellow gold with white gold, diamonds and multicolored sapphires was made from 22-karat yellow gold; the crossing, from an antique necklace; 14-karat antique ring and 14-karat ring from gold nuggets, by Kristine Dee.

Recycled jewelry . . .

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brought in their pieces and requested the gold to be removed and to return the stones.

Mixing alloy

Kristine says an understanding of proportion and scale are fundamental to her jewelry designs, which are delicate and convertible. In recycling, she uses old pieces made of 24-karat pure gold, which is too flimsy for jewelry. They are melted and mixed with alloys to make the base material pliable and durable.

For the exhibit, she has produced cuffs that are layered with gold sheets, all of which are melted from old jewelry. One cuff is a web of recycled gold, encrusted with sapphires and diamonds for sparkle. Another cuff is a confection of textured gold with a multilayered finish. Its matte texture sets off the shiny amethysts, pink tourmalines, yellow and pink sapphires, diamonds and baroque pearls.

Designing multitasking pieces also keeps consumption in check. Dee created earrings that could also be worn as pendants. Another pair of dangling earrings made of white gold, diamonds and baroque pearl reflect the linear Art Deco designs. When put together, they resemble a ribbon and can also be worn as a pendant. A white gold bangle with a detachable accent piece could also double as a brooch or pendant.

Some couples bring the heirloom wedding rings of their parents to have them redesigned. Dee says there's romance behind the "hand-me-down" rings. Generally, the cost comes down to 30-40 percent cheaper than buying a new item, since gold weighs P1,800 a gram.




KRISTINE Dee and Paul Syjuco

However, customers have to be realistic. If they want a bigger piece from their original jewelry or more adornments, they would have to pay a lot more for the additional raw materials. Still, recycling does lessen the carbon footprint.

"If you've got gold jewelry, keep it. The value of gold appreciates over time. When you're tired of it, you can have it melted," says Kristine.


KRISTINE Dee's filigree rose cuff in 14-karat yellow gold with diamonds, amethyst, multicolored sapphires and baroque pearls was made from old jewelry.


PYROPE garnet stud earrings in hand-brushed yellow gold and graduated pavé diamonds, redesigned by Paul Syjuco from old jewelry


MICHELLINE Syjuco

Exceptional lightness

Paul's style ranges from geometrical to figurative; his pieces are characterized by exceptional lightness of touch and subtlety in the manipulation of the gold. His pieces are informed by his knowledge of gemology, craftsmanship and his appreciation of art.

Paul has had customers who wanted their old jewelry recycled for sentimental reasons, and asked that the metal or stones be reused. For the exhibit, he created earrings made from multicolored tourmalines with diamond and yellow gold stripes that cradle the cabochon. The setting was made from old gold pieces.

"We melt and refine it, taking out the impurities, which are usually zinc," he explains.

He designed a pair of earrings with sinuous lines, made from yellow gold and diamonds. They were weighted by dangling lemon quartz stones. A matching necklace has a detachable pendant to give the wearer more flexibility.

His piece de resistance is a necklace of freshwater pearls with a pendant of green sapphires and stones. Recycled gold was also made into earrings with a hand-brushed texture playing against gradations of diamonds and garnets.

Paul finds the recycling to exacting customers. "Sometimes, the jewelry is not worth taking on, or it's not real gold," he says.

Some claim their pieces are gold, but the base metal is passed off as the real thing. The pieces are rejected if the karat is too low or if there is more alloy than gold. Ultimately the people who want their gold recycled just want to give their pieces a new life.

Scrap materials

Known for her edgy pieces, Michelline explores the possibilities of using scrap materials and creates designs with unique combinations and surface treatments.

Her latest collection liberally uses melted bullet shells culled from her husband's firing range. Although she's always used bullets in her original pieces, this recent stash of bullets were melted and dipped in gold.

"They've been which look like gold," she says.

Her cuffs, earrings and neckpieces are crafted on a mold, on which tiny strips of recycled metal are welded together to create a mesh, then sanded or polished and adorned with zirconias and other stones.

Her signature pieces include a lariat necklace made from gold-dipped .22 caliber bullet sleeves lapping softly on the collar bone, and glacial rings and earrings made from recycled scrap metal sheets.

When Michelline began, she purchased scrap metals and zinc from Marinduque and started an avant-garde collection which was featured in many glossies.


LEMON quartz drop earrings with diamond and yellow gold knot tops with old jewelry ready to be melted. Design by Paul Syjuco


PINK blush cuff in 14-karat white gold with pink tourmalines, sapphires and diamonds; Kristine Dee used 14-karat and 18-karat white gold antique rings and earrings as base materials.

"I love the transformation of seeing junk and turning it into something useful and beautiful," she says. "They were outdated pieces that looked garbo."

Her unique signature was dipping the metals in silver, then oxidizing and distressing them. "It comes out cheaper," she says. "It's a responsible way to do business."

A year into the business, Michelline has attracted a mature and sophisticated clientele in their 40s and 50s. Customers are fascinated with the use of bullet shells in her jewelry which they consider a kind of artistic rebellion.

"Fresh Bakes" opens Oct. 22 at Ferrari, Greenbelt 2. The event is done in partnership with [illegible]

Nail salon marks 8th year

Vanity Basket



POSH Nails expands its services to mark its eighth year



'Island resort scent'

Non-irritant feminine pad

Multi-benefit blemish balm



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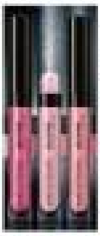


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Night lotion



'Diamond' lipstick



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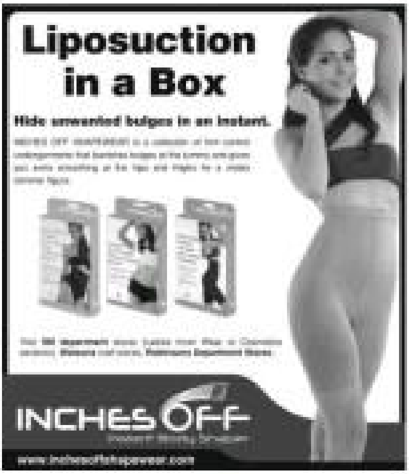
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Christmas comes to Our Home



'Tis the season to celebrate and decorate. After all, there's nothing like spreading Christmas cheer by greeting guests with dazzling décor from Our Home.

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Here are some holiday decorating tips from Our Home, the lifestyle store where you can get great designs at great prices:

- If you're thinking of getting a new Christmas tree this year, give your home more sophisticated holiday look with white, grey and teal trees from Our Home's new collection. These come with glittered tips to give your home that special sparkle.
- Garlands are one way of adding a festive mood in your home. Decorate your doorway, stairway, and living room with lush garlands strewn with Yuletide accents.
- Update your collection of ornaments with glittering reindeer in silver, plum, burgundy, and powder blue. Or with frosted Christmas balls and icicles.
- Decorate your home with your kids to make it a memorable experience. This is a perfect time to bond with them and share the spirit of the season, as well as to recall your own heartwarming Christmas childhood memories. As author Laura Ingalls Wilder says, " our hearts go tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better off throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."

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Glittering tips bring a holiday glamour to this 7 foot grey Christmas tree



DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS. 7ft white Christmas tree



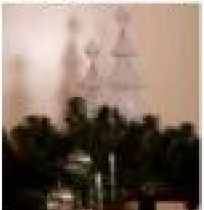
This sleek 7 foot teal tree will bring sophisticated style to your home this Christmas



LET PURPLE REIGN. Create a festive mood with this 5" matte silver glittered reindeer ornament in plum



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Deck your home this holiday with lush teal 9"x 14" Colorado garlands (Decor not included)

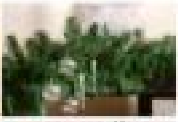


Cool Christmas ornaments in matte silver and powder blue glittered reindeers, frosted Christmas balls and [illegible] designs



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LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



Furne One delivers without a slip, stylewise

The homecoming gala of the Dubai-based Filipino designer was near-perfect



By Alex Y. Vergara

DUBAI-BASED Filipino designer Furne One's "conquest" of Manila seemed complete.

In a 54-piece collection inspired by love and war in the time of Queen Elizabeth I, the designer produced heavily embellished, layered and contrasting pieces that managed to look surprisingly light, current and chic.

One (pronounced as O-ne) was the featured designer in last Saturday's "Fete of One," a gala dinner show at Shangri-La Makati's Rizal Ballroom for the benefit of Philippine Red Cross (Rizal Chapter) and Assumption High School Batch 1981 Foundation.

Now on its third year, the annual event is co-chaired by Kaye Tinga and Inquirer Lifestyle columnist Ronu Ponce-Valdez.

For some reason, it took a while for dinner to be served, but the long wait seemed worth it as soon as One's first few pieces [illegible] on the ramp.

[illegible] Not in One's book. His main aim this time, he said, was to "conquer"—not to sell clothes. The couture collection, done by Amato, a Dubai-based fashion house, debuted sometime ago for London Fashion Week. From Manila, One, also the creative director of Amato, will show the pieces in Dubai.

His choice of accessories set the tone—from orthopedic braces that doubled as corsets to carved and sculpted head and arm pieces—giving the collection a surreal, dreamlike feel.

As if the shimmery gold makeup wasn't enough, gauzy tulle veils and sunburst wooden halos that framed the visage added

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WITHOUT the headdress, this beaded gown is very now.



RUGGED and furry



FRILLED number with hoops-ified cape



GLITTERY statement

Furne One delivers without . . .

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an air of mystery, as they covered some of his models' faces.

One played with exaggeration and contrast in the form of opposing shapes, materials, silhouettes and structures. He used an assortment of layered elements such as lace, silk and cotton tulle, French thread, taffeta and even the lowly muslin and strategically embellished them with Swarovski crystals, under-thin paillettes, embroidery, Ojalwork, appliqués, ribbons, prints and fur.

The collection, which took One and his Dubai-based team almost four months to make, could have probably benefited from a bit of editing, as some looks and silhouettes appeared similar. But this wasn't the case up close when we viewed the same collection the next day in a smaller, evenly lit ballroom without the aid of stage lights and a ramp.

Better up close

Apart from displaying impeccable craftsmanship, One did all those soft dresses manage not to hunch up under the weight of numerous embellishments? One gave us an idea of how creative his mind was, as almost no two dresses were alike in terms of beadwork and treatment of materials. In fact, the entire collection looked even better up close.

Then, after more than 13 years in the Middle East, One already has easy access to the best materials and techniques from Europe, which most of his colleagues in the Philippines could only dream of. But in the hands of an unimaginative or inexperienced designer, all these resources would have amounted to nothing.

Designing a dress is pretty much like speaking to an audience. The more details the designer puts, the bigger the chances for him to make a mistake. Such is One's confidence, that he's not afraid to experiment and over-embellish certain pieces to achieve his vision.

Embellishments may have dominated the collection, but One managed to temper it in a number of ways. To diffuse the bling, for instance, he combined Swarovski and antique-looking crystals with more shiny ones.

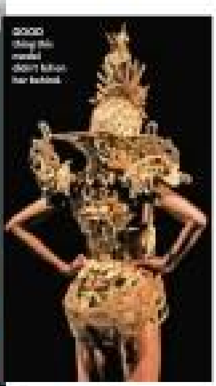
His decision to limit his color palette to beige, ivory, gold, marigold and the occasional "Meridian" orange was an inspired move. Otherwise, with all that bling, the collection would have probably looked garish had he done it in bold colors like red, violet and even black.

But his neutral colors weren't run-of-the-mill, leading one designer to think that One must have dyed some of his fabrics to create the effect he wanted. Even his gold fabrics had a certain hue that set them several notches above the more readily available but tacky variety.

Some of his sheer dresses were lined with contrasting fabrics for a more nuanced look. Apart from not revealing more than what was necessary, strategic beadwork and cutouts on dresses, corsets and maxi-waist done in swimwear were executed in such a way as to make the clothes appear



STATEMENT dress made of orthopedic braces and carved wood



GOOD thing the model didn't fall on her bottom



BODY CONSCIOUS number



FURNE One wears it perfect

bright and easy.

Despite the fact that the collection was originally made for a different set of models, One's fit was also impeccable. He made sure there were no wardrobe malfunctions to mar his efforts.

Among his pieces that readily appealed to a younger crowd were the hand-painted and embroidered jackets with images of Elizabethan England that, according to another designer, seemed to have been literally ripped off from an old painting or an antique chair. Worn with a pair of jeans, these one-of-a-kind jackets are bound to make heads turn.

Almost

In an interview after the show, One looked upset that he wanted to stage a "perfect" show. Well, he almost did.

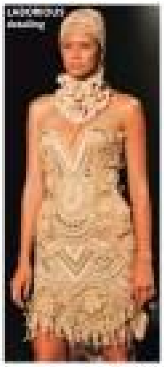
People behind the show, led by director Ariel Lozada, decided to do away with the show after one too many of One's models started either tripping on the ramp or falling on their behinds. Still, despite the mess, some continued to either slip or fall. The real culprit, it turned out, was the slippery floor and not those beautiful and intricately carved wooden platforms with coiled leather straps from Paete, Laguna.

Only a seasoned veteran like Marina Benipayo, who closed the show, was brave enough to strut in a heavy cape without blinking and on her platforms after her younger colleagues suffered bruised knees and egos. She made it without missing a step.

The team did a dress rehearsal earlier on the same ramp without a hitch. They didn't foresee all coming out of the fog machine and what appeared like water dripping from the ceiling. The oil, they now say, made the ramp slippery.

"I feel a tangle of mixed emotions," said the bleached blond One. "I'm happy, but at the same time sad since I wanted my biggest show in Manila to be perfect. It's not my fault."

He need not fret. His first-ever gala collection in Manila was near perfect, and for most fashion watchers that was more than enough.



LABORIOUS detailing



LAYER on layer of sheer fabrics



CONTRASTING silhouettes



PACKED House







Sofia Coppola designs smaller SC bags for Vuitton

'It is great to be able to carry something so precious and so beautifully made'





Strictly formal doesn't mean boring



THE HUANG FAMILY—skinny necktie on sexy, collared one on Mike, gray one-shoulder on Kathy and stripes for Kyla

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

For the Furne One gala, Manila dressed up accordingly—with panache

GIVE FILIPINOS the reason to dress in black tie and evening dress and they will rise to the occasion with aplomb.

Last Saturday night's Red Cross Ball saw every interpretation of strictly formal... from red-carpet-ready to laid-back elegant. Face a few men chose the skinny black necktie in lieu of the bow tie, or some went for fresh-nouveau striped bow ties.

The skinny-tie trend was pioneered by designer Tom Ford and embraced by Hollywood a few years ago. A few men who eschew the bow tie say they do so because they don't want to be mistaken for a waiter.

Vicki Belo wore a black and white Pepito Albert while Olga Martel wore a stunning Auggie Cordero red organza gown.

Chairperson Kaye Tinga and Rosan Prieto Valdes wore Furne One couture, his smash-hit collection fresh from London Fashion Week.

Gretchen Barretto wore a purple taffeta gown while Ruffa Gutierrez wore scarlet chiffon.

Best in long gown were Bergel Aquino and Criselda Henares in beaded printed tulle, looking youthful yet mellow.

Mike Huang, Philip Abadiolo, Dennise Lauden ditched the traditional bow tie and wore skinny black neck ties with their suits.

The Makati Shangri-La ballroom was drenched in black, making the ladies' jewelry stand out for this fundraising event.

Emerald brooches competed with real diamonds, rubies in the throats of ladies in strapless gowns; and statement neck pieces looked best on Mia Bandman who wore red chandelier and gold from Fortes.

Shoes were stilettos with strappy gold or silver sandals while patent platforms in platform styles stood the best bets.

Hairstyles were soigné chignons or blown-dry curls.

After a pre-show auction of paintings and first-class tickets for trips abroad, a late supper was served before the dramatic fashion show that turned dangerous when models started slipping on the plexi-glass runway. Such is the nature of fashion, it is a risky affair.

But today, let us study the striking portraits of our favorite society people in their formal wear. They know how to gala yet have a.



HOST elegance—black and shouldered gown on beautiful Marinela Medved Po



STRAPLESS crepe gown and jeweled pendant on Mila Bengzon



MAJOR couture—see-through tulle by Furne One on Venus Raj



HAPPIEST couple of the evening—Ricardo Po with skinny tie and Patricia Padilla in red dress



AUGGIE Cordero masterpiece—hand-placed organza with cabbage roses on Olga Martel



BEST in long gown—printed embroidered tulle on Criselda Henares



LAID back glamour—in black satin and tulle on Rhea Go



DEVORED velvet—and statement necklace on Nai Kauffman



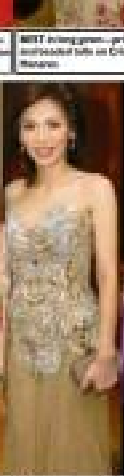
PAWER skirt by Furne One on Sarah Meier



BRIDE-TO-BE—Laica Carpio with embroidered phoenix



POWER couple—Randy and Maudie Chan in a printed short formal



LADY of the night—organizer Kaye Tinga



OPERA coat—in purple taffeta on Gretchen Barretto

Entertainment

Celeb blogger vows to quit bullying



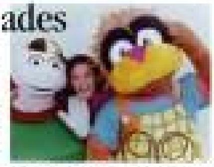
Pacquiao model for Wahlberg role

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Ruben V. Nepales

'Batibot' returns after 2 decades

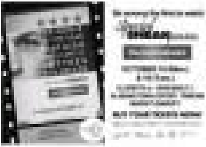



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Unmasking the 'Masquerade'

Director Danny Zialcita and lead star Liberty Ilagan recall making the 1967 mystery thriller



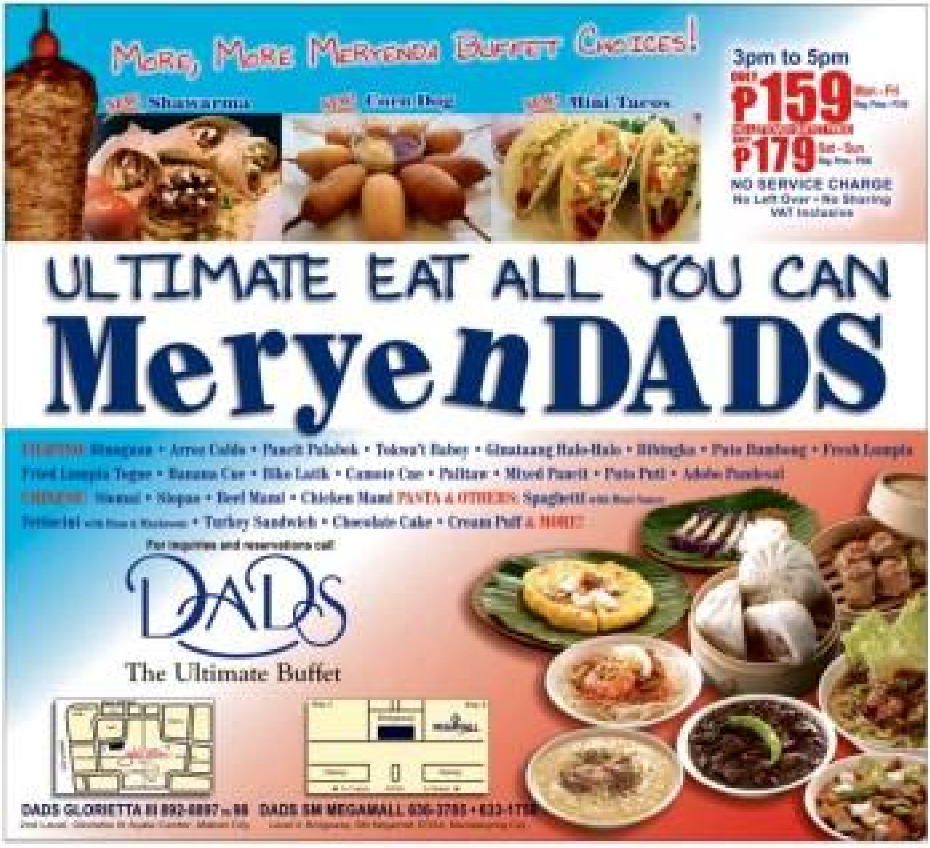
By Bayani San Diego Jr.



LIBERTY Ilagan and Danny Zialcita at the CCP screening of "Masquerade"







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Kuh, 30 years after

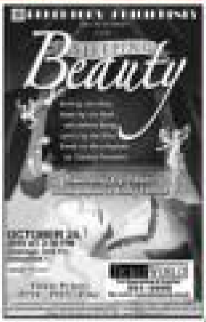
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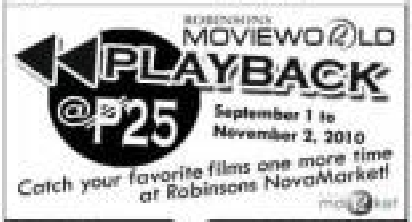
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Kutcher, Moore like to tweet – face to face

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Respect

Hopeful for Nora

Kuh, 30 years after





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Day-long film marathon

'Other Guys': A buddy-cop movie that works



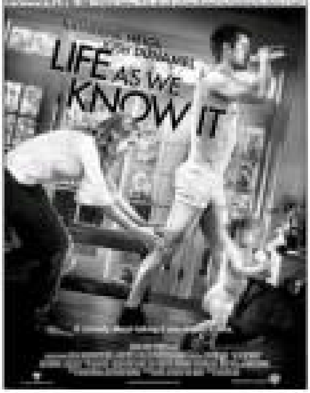
Straight action

Crime-busting partners

Reinventing the 'Kabarkada' station

Living under the spell…





Cartoon Network Favorites Available On TV5 Beginning Oct 18

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Living under the spell of Jack Jones



Reinventing the 'Kabarkada' station

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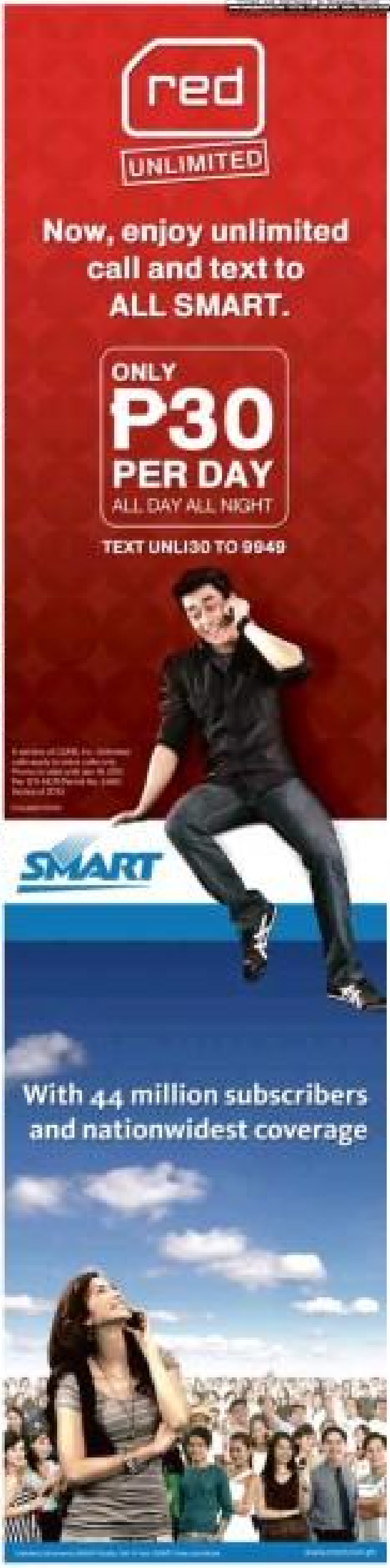


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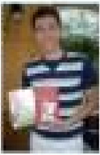
Jolina and her parents have built a haven for their diverse passions and collections







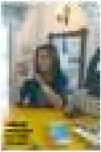


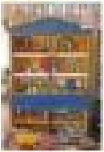






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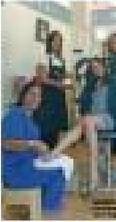


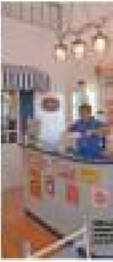






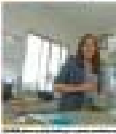




















The Pinoy as celebrity tattoo artist

By Marinel R. Cruz

HOLLYWOOD superstar Miley Cyrus has a tattoo on her left breast that says "Just breathe" and another, "love," on her right ear. These were done by Las Vegas-based Filipino tattoo artist Chris Garcia, who was in Manila recently for a two-week visit. [illegible]

Stallone, too

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Working on Pacman

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The artist as scientist

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LAS Vegas-based tattoo artist Chris Garcia with Hollywood superstar Miley Cyrus: "I'm self-taught."

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SHOPPING bag is especially designed and printed with the singer-actress' autograph.

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Bags, wallets

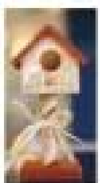
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Key chains, souvenirs

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COUNTRY lamp is a gift from Jolina's tita Mel.



BIRDCAGE keychain is crafted by sister Miel and niece Hannah.